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GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

OFFICE OF U. S. SURVEYOR GENERAL,

FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA.

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Sitka, October 18, 1900.

Mr. John G. Heid,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:--

This office is in receipt of your letter dated October 10th, 1900, requesting information as to whether the official surveys and field notes of the Mission tracts of lands at Wrangell, Hoonah, Haines, Sitka, and other Presbyrterian Mission stations in Alaska are on file in this office or in the office of the Register of the U. S. Land Office.

In reply you are advised that the same are not on file in this office and by inquiry in the Register's office, we find they are not on file there.

Yours very truly,

W. L. Distin

Surveyor General.

JOHN G. HEID
ATTORNEY AT LAW

JUNEAU, ALASKA, Dec 4. 1900

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H.C. Allin Esq
Newyork city

Dear Sir:—

Was absent quite a while, but before I left had started the investigation with respect to the supposed tramway or railway across the Haines mission tract of land. There is nothing in it. The Register as well as the Surveyor General, at Sitka, know nothing of it. I had Mr. Kelly look into the matter carefully, both in the land office & Surveyor General's office. As to the plats & fieldnotes of the other Mission sites, I find they are not on file in the Surveyor General's office nor with the Register of the land office at Sitka. They should be on file there.

Inclosed find letter from Mr. Distin on the subject

JOHN G. HEID
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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JUNEAU, ALASKA,

Our term of Court opens on the 10th instant and to-day received a letter from Rev. W. W. Warne telling me that it will be next to impossible to come. I don't like it, especially when he says "I hardly see how I can make it convenient to come". Have written him that our cases will not come up for a hearing until after Christmas, when he possibly, then, can make it convenient to come.

Coming back to the tramway and railway again, I desire to say that we can not file a protest until an application has been made & filed for such purpose. Have another application to purchase the Haines Mission Property, but have no copy of the Contract I drew when Rev. McAfee was here. If the Board desires to sell the land and upon the same terms & conditions as then, then please send me the Contract & papers which were deposited in the Bank

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JUNEAU, ALASKA,

at Newyork City, including the Escrow agreement, together with general instructions. I have a copy of the deed, but not the Escrow Contract, and will frankly say, am not certain what the selling price was at that time.

I cannot say if the people who make the enquiries can do anything in the way of making the purchase or making a sale, nevertheless, some one may come and mean business when I want to be prepared for him. The one now writing to me is one Mawkowski of Victoria, B.C., he is a stranger to me.

Very Respectfully

J. G. Heid

Ref. to F. W. Ladies

Have made a note for Mrs Bd to furnish copy

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Ref. to F. C. & D.

Juneau, Alaska.
Oct. 6 1903.

Wm. Henry C. Olin,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Olin:-

Enclosed please find vouchers covering work of Mrs. Moore and myself for September.

The Government is now looking for a suitable site in Juneau for one or two more federal buildings. They want a whole block. This being the case I secured options from all the other property owners holding lots within block No. 19 in which our mission property is. Yesterday with the concurrence of Judge Reid I gave to the Government an option on the whole block. This option is extended to March 30th 1904 and includes the mission property only in block 19, covering lots Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8. The sum the Board

of Home Missions is to receive for their holdings is $7500.00. This, as you know, is the price put upon the property. The Chamber of Commerce here has recommended (did so last night) the Government to make this purchase. The prospects are that it will go through. I would have advised you of this before but the action has recently been taken and had to be taken without delay. I trust that the Board will endorse our action in regard to the matter.

Remember that this leaves the Board the two lots in Block No. 22 and on which the manse we occupy now stands. We are now in position to make the transfer of all the property in block no. 19 on a moments notice as we can worship temporarily in our Social Hall.

In regard to the Brick

Chimneys (I write it in capital because of so much importance to us), the seats in the Chapel at Douglas, and the Social Hall, for which appropriations were made, I would say, that the chimneys were built all satisfactory some weeks ago and the bill paid except a small bill for carpenter work which has not been presented yet though asked for three times. That the seats have been placed in the Chapel at Douglas which greatly enhances the interior appearance as well as making it more convenient and this is all paid for and I have my vouchers. That the Social Hall ~~is~~ is completed lacking the ceiling. This will be done as soon as the boys come in. Every thing then will be finished up. As soon as this is done I will send in bills or vouchers covering the whole, i.e, for the construction of Chimneys, placing seats in the Chapel, and construction

of the Social Hall.

The new $50000,00 Court House is now nearing completion and adds quite a dignified appearance to the town. The town is growing and promises to be a good one for the whites. But alas, for the natives, What will become of them is now a question. As compared with former years they are here but very little and the community is dwindling away very year. At the Island we have quite a community yet and good attendance. But since last April we have had very few in Juneau. I look for them to be coming in soon.

Very truly yours

L. F. Jones

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Juneau, Alaska,
June 27, 1904.

Mr. Harvey C. Olin,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Olin:-

Early in the spring I was authorized by Dr. McAfee to make some needed repairs to our property here to the extent of one hundred and fifty dollars. I made those repairs and more than a month ago sent in a statement of the work and the bills pertaining to the same. The total cost was $141.89. I requested an early response that I may pay off the bills. But not a word has been received up to date from you. If the check is not already on its way to pay those bills kindly forward without delay.

Also, previous to writing about repairs I wrote you ~~a proposo~~ about what the law required concerning Foreign Corporations doing business in Alaska. I

have had no word from you in response to that either. Then too I wrote to Dr. Thompson about the same time, or to yourself, I really forget which, about a cash proposition Judge Brown made for our property which is for sale here. Not one word has been heard or received about any of these matters. Now these all are matters of importance on this end and I am anxiously waiting to receive some word from you in regard to them. Especially is the check needed as our creditors want their money.

Trusting to hear from you soon, I am,

Sincerely yours

L. F. Jones

Seward, Alaska,
July 14th, 1901.

Hon. Thomas R. Cole,
Mayor, Juneau City.
Dear Mr. Cole:-

What I wrote the Board in May last concerning Judge Brown's proposition was that he make a cash offer of $500.00 for the Brown property which is for sale. He wished me to communicate the fact to the Board and have them reply as soon as convenient. I did so but especially my letter for some reason or other did not reach headquarters. At least you may that you can find no letter there from file about it. Please have the Board to reply as soon as convenient concerning the Judge's proposition. My judgement is that the Board should not accept it. I have another party who is thinking seriously of purchasing the property and paying the price first given it. So as the

widow of the man who invented and built the famous [illegible] of Expositions fame. [illegible] prosperity. She came to the state about a month ago and will return [illegible] she can give me a positive answer. She is a woman of means and is looking to invest in mines and real estate in Alaska. Juneau is her objective point.

Trusting to hear from you soon, with kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours

L. L. Jones

Duplicate Original.

For and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States, to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in hand paid, by John Johnston, of Juneau, Alaska, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America does hereby agree to sell and convey to said John Johnston, his heirs or assigns, all of lotsnumbered five (5), six (6), seven (7) and eight (8), in block Numbered nineteen (19), situated and being in the city of Juneau, Alaska, according to the official plat and survey of said City of juneau, made by G. W. Garside, U.S.Surveyor, and approved by the Trustee of the Townsite of said Juneau, Alaska.

And at any time on or before March first (1st), 1905, on tender to said The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, of the further sum of six thousand five hundred dollars ($6500.oo), the said Board of Home Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, agrees to deliver good and su fficient warranty deed to the said John Johnston, his heirs or assigns, conveying said above described premises absolutely and clear of encumbrances.

In case no such tender is made to said Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, sa id sum of $1000.oo, is to be treated a s the consideration of this option, and to be and remain the property of the said The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America as liquidated damages.

Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of September, 1904.

H. G. Ray
L. F. Jones

The Board of Home Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the United
States of America (Seal)
by John Y. Reid its Agent and
Attorney in fact

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Tucson, Arizona.
Sept. 26, 1904.

Hon. Henry C. Olin
Newport City
Dear Mr. Olin:

I have the pleasure to inform you that today, I, in company with Mr. Reid, who has power of attorney, gave an option on our property here for sale to Mr. John Johnston. This is practically the purchase of three of whom I spoke in one of my recent letters. The option was given on consideration of $1000.00 cash in hand which I have deposited in Mr. Richards' bank. I enclose a duplicate original. This of course is a virtual sale as the purchaser of the option will not care to lose the $1000.00 which of course he forfeits if he fail to purchase before the term expires.

He wishes possession

ion at once that he may improve the property and prepare for spring changes. This we have granted under consideration that he improve the property. But as I said before it is a sale in good faith. I am to retain possession of the church until spring when we shall erect a new one.

I shall be glad to hear from the Board at once to learn if I have their complete sanction of this transaction.

Most Sincerely yours
L. F. Jones

F.F.

October 4th, 1904.

Rev. L. F. Jones,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Jones:-

Yours of the 24th ult., enclosing a duplicate of original agreement whereby our Juneau property is sold to one John Johnson, is at hand.

Relative thereto let me say that this seems to be a bona fide sale, with every prospect that the purchaser will carry out the terms of the agreement and pay the full purchase price on, or before, March 1st next.

I will submit the whole matter to our Finance Committee at its next meeting, for formal approval, but as Mr. Heid in 1898 received Power of Attorney for the transfer of this property, I do not see but that everything is straight and regular. Will you please forward the amount paid down in cash to this office.

Noting what is said with regard to retaining possession of the Church until Spring, we shall be interested to know what are your plans for the new building at that time.

Congratulating you and ourselves upon the prospect of getting so much out of this property, and with regards, believe me

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

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F.F.

October 13th, 1904.

Rev. L. F. Jones,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Jones:-

You will be glad to know that our Finance Committee, at its meeting on yesterday, formally approved of the sale of our property in your town, notice of which was forwarded to me with yours of September 24th, acknowledged from this office October 4th.

I trust there may be no hitch in this proceeding, and that the purchaser will forward through you the ~~payment of the~~ remainder of the funds, on or before March 1st, 1905.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.